

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:361
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
DEFENCE PERSONNEL KILLED IN LAND MINES EXPLOSION
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons arrested for laying land mines during the last three years;
- (b) the number of defence personnel killed in the explosion of land mines; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government against the persons/terrorists involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 361 FOR 18.4.2002

No data is separately maintained for arrests of persons/militants/terrorists involved specifically for laying landmines. Laying landmines by any unauthorised person is tantamount to anti national/terrorist activity, and accordingly, appropriate legal action is always taken against those persons.

The number of defence personnel killed during the last 3 years due to land mine explosions including Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as per the reports available with the Army Head Quarters is 63.